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MORE CRIMES THAN BRIXTON

Gang arrested after spate of New Malden robberies

Police have swooped on a gang of robbers in New Malden after a spate of crimes saw the robbery rate triple in the town centre between July and August.

The string of offences around Blagdon Road turned the centre of New Malden into a robbery hotspot, with more crimes per head of population than in traditionally troublesome areas such as central Brixton or Streatham High Street.

Only two similar offences happened

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in the centre of Kingston at the height of the spree compared with 10 in New Malden centre – which was subsequently highlighted in red on the Met Police's new online crime map as a "high" crime rate zone.

Although arrests have been made in relation to the case, Kingston police would not say whether anyone had been charged over the crimes.

Kingston police Detective Inspector Jez Clarke said: "Kingston police have linked a series of robberies in the Blagdon Park area during July and August.

"Arrests have been made in relation to these incidents, which has prevented further offences occurring in this area.

"Suspects linked to the offences in Blagdon Park were identified as a result of proactive tasking of police resources.

"Kingston police treat all such allegations of crime equally across the borough."

DI Clarke would not say whether New Malden was seen as "easy pickings" for opportunistic criminals, given the greater visible police presence in the centre of Kingston.

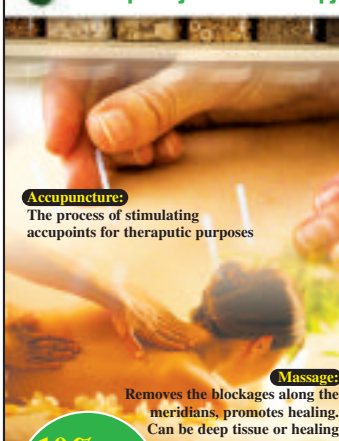
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Charity logs on to plight

Former X Factor contestant Alisha Bennett and the mayor of Kingston David Berry gave their support to a charity appeal in Chessington on Friday.

They were there for the Computers 4 Africa appeal which donates used PCs to the deprived continent.

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Barge bursts into flame



Grounded: The Dana pulls in to the riverbank as the smoke billows from her deck

Picture: Thomas Ramsbotham

Firefighters spent three hours fighting a blaze on a barge on Sunday.
Engines from Surbiton, Twickenham and Kingston were called to the fire on the Dana barge at 3.30pm.
The 23 metre barge managed to pull over near Kingston Bridge on the Hampton Wick

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side before fire crews arrived.
Martin Freeman, station manager at Surbiton fire station said the fire broke out in the wheelhouse area where the barge is steered.
He said no one needed to be

rescued from the barge and there were no injuries.
Eyewitness Joel Griffiths, 24, from Weybridge, said he saw six fire engines tackling the blaze.
He said: "I saw some smoke billowing from the boat."
"We thought it was a barbecue because there wasn't a bang but then it pulled over and got bad.

"It looked like it was in the living quarters because it was coming from below."
Mr Freeman said the fire is not thought to be suspicious but is currently under investigation.

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Ready to launch

Take off: The balloons were released simultaneously with schools in Europe

Pupils from Lovelace Primary School, Chessington, joined with their continental contemporaries to take part in a giant balloon release on October 13.

The children launched their bevy of balloons simultaneously with schools in Sweden, Germany and Durham as part of their European outreach project, Feeling Good About Me. Further cultural exchanges are due to take place later next year when pupils from the school visit camps in Berlin and Malmo.

Trial for dead man

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Kingston Magistrates' Court turned into a farce last week when officials couldn't prove a man who died after setting himself alight in Surbiton, was dead.

Barmak Karimi, 39, died in the early hours of Saturday, September 13, from severe burns, after starting a fire in his Brighton Road flat.

Several people had to be rescued from the blaze and five flats were left uninhabitable. Karimi was due to have been

Crown Prosecution Service to be able to dismiss the proceedings against Karimi, a valid death certificate had to be produced.

After frantic calls to his last known solicitors, the court was unable to gather sufficient proof that Karimi had died and the case was put back again until October 16.

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Exhibition will reveal the world in photos

While Eadweard Muybridge put the borough on the map with his photography skills, a prestigious collection of work by another celebrated Kingston photographer is coming to the town in November.

Stuart Heydinger was born in Kingston in 1927 and, during his 60 year career as a photo journalist, his work appeared in The Times, Observer and Daily Telegraph. He has recorded pivotal historical events such as the Second World War bombings in London and taken images of people from Winston Churchill to John F Kennedy.

Kingston Museum, in collaboration with the Landesmuseum in Oldenburg, Germany, which is Kingston's partner city, has organised the exhibition, Just a Moment: Photographs by Stuart Heydinger, which will run from November 8 to January 10 next year.

Peta Cook, curator at Kingston Museum, said: "We are very excited to be able to host this world-class exhibition."

"These powerful images will appeal to anyone with an interest in photography, journalism and 20th century history."

For more information, call 020 8547 6460 or visit kingston.gov.uk/museum

Drug dealer admits guilt

A drug dealer caught during a police crackdown has admitted trying to peddle cocaine in Surbiton.

Corey Dacres, 22, was stopped by police as part of Operation Mini Dragon on August 6.

Dacres was searched by officers who found he had more than 20 wraps of cocaine and crack cocaine as well as £1,100.

Dacres appeared in Kingston Crown Court on October 13 via a video link from Wandsworth Prison and pleaded guilty to possession of class A drugs with intent to supply.

Dacres, of Concorde Way, Rotherhithe, will be sentenced on November 5.

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Cancer awareness: Anjali Dargan and Lene Wood, from John Lewis, volunteer Macmillan helper Heike Thames and Archana Sood, Macmillan manager at Kingston Hospital

Hospital staff pretty in pink for cancer

Kingston's John Lewis teamed up with the new Sir William Rous unit at Kingston Hospital last week to raise awareness of breast cancer.

As part of Wear Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Day, all staff were invited to have a breast check and bra fitting from John Lewis'

trained advisor Anjali Dargan on August 7.

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Microchip helps dog return home

by ALITA HOWE

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Technology saved the day when a Chessington family was left distraught after a thief broke into their home and stole their two-month-old pedigree pup.

Alan Hedges left home with his wife and 18-year-old daughter at 1pm on Sunday, October 12, to visit the Cirque Surreal in Sandown Park.

He said when the family returned to their Chessington Hill Park home three hours later, they found burglars had struck.

However, their two month old chihuahua Yorkshire terrier cross Penny was the only thing taken by the callous thieves.

Mr Hedges said: "It's only the second time we've left Penny on her own and we couldn't believe it when we came home

and found out she was the only thing that was taken.

"We think someone has been watching the house and she might have been stolen to order because she is a very unusual looking dog."

But, events took a further twist on Monday when Kingston police confirmed the dog was handed in just a day after being snatched.

And, thanks to the Hedges' microchipping Penny, she was able to be speedily reunited with the family.

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Fire safety tips



Safety first: Simon Brownings and Paul Watts, the manager of Sainsbury's

Kingston fire station teamed up with Sainsbury's last week to promote home fire safety.

Firefighters were in the Surrey Basin store from October 6 to 10 offering shoppers free advice.

Kingston fire station manager Simon Brownings said: "The importance of these partnerships cannot be overlooked."

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Living the high life: Simon Winchcomb

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More than 100 people turned out to pit themselves against the highest challenge in Chessington during the official opening of the new climbing wall at the town's sports centre, on October 6.

The Chessington Rocks facility, based on the grounds of the newly refurbished Chessington Community College, boasts 15 rope lines and a boulder section for people to scramble over.

Stuart Creed, sports centre manager, said: "It was really good, we're very happy with the number of people that turned up and it's a really good start for us."

"Everyone should give it a go, it's great for building confidence, great fun and it's one of those activities that everybody can enjoy."

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Running for smiles

A dental practice has pulled out all the stops to raise money for the charity Oral Cancer.

Dentists from White House practice in New Malden

walked 10km to raise awareness and £1,000 for the charity. Ruth Debnay, practice principal, said: "We are planning to participate next year and aim to raise more money."

London's Olympic legacy may sink before it swims

by DAVID LINDSELL

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More than half the people in Kingston have to travel at least a mile to swim in a public pool, making the borough the eighth worst in London for access to a pool, according to a new report.

In the borough, 57 per cent of residents live more than a mile away from a pool and by 2012 the proportion will have increased, the report by the London Assembly's economic development, culture, sport and tourism committee says.

The assembly members, who investigated the whole of the capital, said that unless accessibility was im-

proved London would fall short of the 2012 sporting legacy focus on swimming.

But Simon James, Kingston's councillor responsible for leisure services, said the survey had not counted pools outside London, disadvantaging boroughs on the edge of the capital. He said the biggest problem for swimmers in the borough was a lack of Government funding for subsidised sessions.

"The real thing is the Government says swimming is a

priority and tells us they are putting money in," he said. "They have offered us £35,000 for over-60s swimming and we estimate it will cost £70,000. They offered us £82,000 for under-16s swimming and my understanding is [the cost] was something like £180,000."

"The money for capital investment was £35,000, which won't pay a refurb let alone build a pool."

The report also found there were only diving facilities available in nine of the 33 boroughs, with 11 in total. The nearest diving pool to Kingston is Morden Park.

Colin Brown, director of London Swimming, said: "Public swimming pools are the backbone for provision in London. This report clearly shows that although London has a high number of pools, we have some significant gaps and accessibility for more than a third of the population is poor."

Kingston's two pools are the Kingfisher Leisure Centre, in Fairfield Road, and the Malden Centre, in Blagdon Road, New Malden.

Do you think there are enough pools in the borough? Join the debate at yourlocalguardian.co.uk



Families got the chance to play Roald Dahl's Charlie in real-life

Families had a taste of chocolate heaven yesterday as Krispy Kreme's New Malden branch was transformed into a scene reminiscent of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

To celebrate their month-long chocolate carnival, the store offered behind-the-scenes tours, the chance to decorate your own doughnut and chocolate-themed makeovers.

Face-painters and balloon-modellers also kept children entertained

at the event on October 11.

General manager Matthew Condotti, said the day had been a roaring success.

He said: "The amount of people that have come out is fantastic - we couldn't have asked for better. It's great to see so many happy faces."

Amy Taylor, nine, from Wimbledon, said: "It was really exciting to see how the doughnuts are really made and they tasted delicious."

Hundreds and thousands: Sophie Luckett, seven, from Worcester Park



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The Kingston in Bloom awards highlight creative gardening in the borough. ALITA HOWE reports

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Gardeners, businesses and schools who add colour to the borough's open spaces were honoured at the Kingston in Bloom ceremony on Monday night.

The awards are organised by Kingston Council and seek to recognise those dedicated to creating gardens and green spaces which can be havens for plants and wildlife.

Eight hotly contested categories

were up for grabs at the Celebrating Green Kingston evening on October 13, including best containers, best sustainable garden and best blooming pub, restaurant or cafe.

Brenda Kelly, of New Malden, was delighted to win the best front garden award which is inspired by her travels to Tunisia.

She said: "It's very exciting to win – this is the third time I've

picked up a prize and the garden is a real hobby of mine. I use a lot of hot colours in the garden after being inspired by Tunisia and I also grow potatoes and tomatoes.

"A lot of the plants are used to a Mediterranean climate so we can save water."

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Best community space:
School Lane – Angel Levic, Cara Hallsworth, Mo Deacon and Sarah Finucane

Best public buildings and business premises:
London Ambulance Service, New Malden

All year round sustainable garden:
Jill Thomas

One for the children: Katie Scott



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Above: Best community space: School Lane. Angel Levic, Cara Hallsworth, Mo Deacon and Sarah Finucane



Brenda Kelly's best front garden

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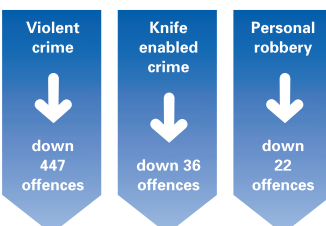
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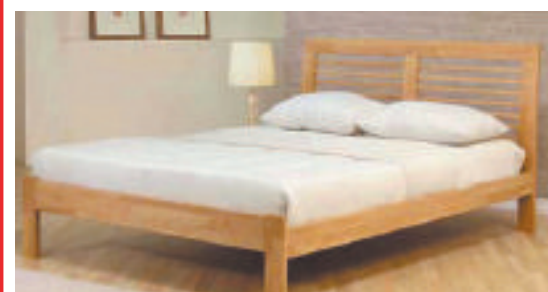
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Clara Vulliamy: Born to be an artist

Clara Vulliamy, 46, is a writer and illustrator of children's books from Twickenham. She is the daughter of illustrator Shirley Hughes and is coming to Kingston College to share her love of illustration as part of the national campaign for drawing, the Big Draw. She spoke to ALITA HOWE

Keeping it in the family

Your mother is an illustrator – does art run in the family?

My mum is the absolute star of the profession. She is 82 and still working. I grew up around art so I think it was one of those unconscious choices.

I always wanted to be an artist and trained in fine art but when I left art school I started illustrating, first in newspapers and magazines and then for children's books.

Why did you make the switch to children's illustration?

I've been doing it for 18 years and when I had a family and

started reading books to my children I thought it would be the most fun area to work in.

Being able to write and illustrate the books myself is great. It's like being the director, writer and star of a film at the same time and allows you to be in control of the whole process.

Where do you find your inspiration?

My stories are rooted in the real-life experiences of children such as starting school or being separated from a beloved toy – the everyday dramas of childhood.

Now there is also more magic and fantasy creeping into the

stories as well but I hope they are still relevant to children.

Tell me about your new book?

I've got two books coming out this month.

Lucky Wish Mouse White Christmas is the first in a series about a little mouse who looks after 10 tiny mice.

The other is The Bear with Sticky Paws Goes to School, which is about a first day.

Is writing a children's book as time-consuming as an adult book?

Definitely. Because there are so few words you have to make

each one count. I take a long time to write a text, even a few pages of A4 can take weeks and weeks to write.

What is your favourite book as a reader?

My mum's books have always been my favourite. She wrote Dogger and to me, that is just the most perfect children's book and it can't be bettered.

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A disused tennis court which has been transformed into an adventure playground opened in Tolworth last weekend.

The Jubilee Way Playscape at the King George's Recreation Ground, Hook Rise South, includes a skate bowl, zip wire and climbing equipment and has been designed by award-winning designers Groundwork London, who have tried to use sustainable materials throughout.

The playground contains equipment chosen by local young people, who helped develop the design proposals by taking part in design workshops and visiting other play areas for inspiration.

The refurbishment was made possible by

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a £220,000 grant from the Big Lottery and funding from Toyota.

The playground was opened on October 11 after three month's work.

Councillor Vicki Harris from Kingston Council said: "It was extremely well attended over the weekend and the finished look is absolutely incredible.

"It fits in so well with its surroundings in the park and I hope everyone will enjoy it."

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Individual police stations and safer neighbourhood teams can still be contacted on their existing numbers, but the new 0300 service will also act as a one stop shop for contacting the local police.

Met Police Commander Simon Bray said: "When you dial 0300 123 1212 we will take your call seriously and deal with it professionally.

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NHS buildings to be sold

A health centre will be sold off by the NHS in Kingston over the next three years as part of its estates strategy.

Kingston Primary Care Trust expects to sell off empty offices in Elmside Lodge and Newlands in Oak Hill Grove and Church Road in the next two years.

A former clinic at Acre Road, the health centre at Manor Drive and learning disability sites at Weston Green and Ditton House will also be sold.

A housing association will be

offered former nurses' homes at 124 and 126 Red Lion Road, but the PCT will keep Surbiton Hospital, according to a report into the "poor" state of its property.

The report also found that 26 out of 29 GP practices in Kingston required "significant investment".

The PCT and Kingston Council will come up with an estate strategy by March 2009.

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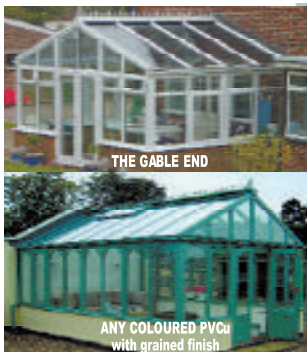
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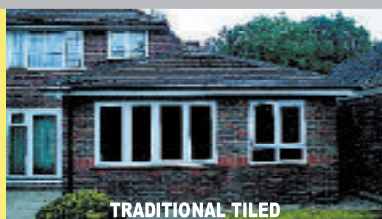
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King trained Kazakh army 'as a terrorist'

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Not many people can say they have pretended to be a terrorist to help train the national army of Kazakhstan, but that is exactly what Surbiton soldier Tony King did last month.

The fusilier (Fus) joined comrades from the 4th Battalion, Mercian Regiment on the arid steppes of central Asia delivering a two-week training package, codenamed Exercise Steppe Eagle, to member of the Kazakh Airmobile Forces.

Working alongside American counterparts from the Arizona National Guard, Fus King spent a week leading practical lessons on setting up vehicle checkpoints, riot control, base security and how to deal with mines and improvised explosives – with his language skills proving a big help.

He said: "I speak fluent Russian and that has been particularly useful on this trip because I've been able to chat with the Kazakh soldiers on a one-to-one basis without the use of an interpreter."

"Generally speaking, the Kazakh



Highly-regarded: Fusileer Tony King trained Kazakh forces

forces seem to have a strong nationalist streak and are keen to learn.

"They hold the British forces in very high esteem and are eager to take away as much as they can from this exercise. It's been an interesting trip to be a part of."

Fus King, a self-employed software designer in civilian life, found his Russian-speaking skills especially useful in his role as signaller, providing the communications be-

tween commanders and troops on the ground.

Colonel Daulet Ospanov, deputy head of the Kazakh Airmobile Forces, said: "We welcome the opportunity to work with the British and American forces. It is through this type of training that we can learn and share experience."

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Packaging problem: too big for product

by DAVID LINDSELL

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A stationery company has been sent packing after it sent a large cardboard box to Kingston's Guildhall with only a small roll of labels inside.

Environmentally-conscious Kingston Council complained after calculating the box was less than one per cent full.

Viking Direct, based in Leicester, admitted the error of its ways and accepted a caution under environmental laws.

Councillor Rob Lee said: "They delivered this box in this way when we are working to reduce excess packaging. It is absolutely bonkers."

It is not the first time the company has wasted packaging by delivering nearly empty boxes. Northamptonshire Council has also registered a complaint with trading standards after receiving a box that was 500 times the size of the items inside.

Ted Forsyth of Kingston Trading Standards said: "This is serious because we are talking about packaging. When you have a delivery van full of empty boxes you have more vans using more energy."

"It is something everyone else needs to take notice of."

Viking Direct general manager Richard Carvell said that the company's box fill is on average "well over 80 per cent" with many cartons dispatched without outer



The offending box: Less than one per cent full

packaging.

He said: "We take our obligations under the Packaging Regulations 2003 very seriously and we regret

that, on this occasion, incorrect data for a single product led us to use an outer box that was out of proportion to the contents."

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An experienced bra-fitter visited the new cancer care unit at Kingston Hospital to size up nurses and raise money for

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Saved from cash freeze

by **DAVID LINDSELL**

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While councils across the country are reeling from heavy losses of taxpayers' money invested in Icelandic banks, Kingston residents have much to thank the council for.

Until just five months ago, the borough had £5m in the now failed Landsbanki.

However, reading the financial warning signals correctly, it was decided to adopt a more conservative investment strategy and the money was moved to safety.

This more cautious strategy was hastened when the council feared it had lost the £2m it had invested in Northern Rock.

Ian Millar, head of treasury services in charge of Kingston Council's £110m cash fund, said: "That made us think about our investment strategy and made us more cautious."

"We had £5m with them [Landsbanki] at one point but in a number of different parts."

"The long-term effect is that everyone is going to be more cautious."

"Our members will be more concerned that our investment strategy is risk averse so we will be over-cautious."

Kingston Council had five £1m year-long investments in Landsbanki at rates of about 5.7 to 6 per cent invested in May 2007 and paid back in full

with interest in May of this year. Its swing to greater fiscal prudence, however, dates back as far as last November when the council correctly read the financial turmoil for which we may have been heading.

The council's two-strong treasury team manages the borough's finances with advice from a firm called Butlers and keeps up to date with the markets using the Reuters news agency.

But the investment decision strategy has to be approved before the beginning of the financial year by executive council members led by Councillor Derek Osbourne. Coun Osbourne admitted the council had dodged a bullet.

He said: "There are lots of local authorities that have not. We are a bit bemused to be honest because the over extension of the Icelandic banks has been known for some time."

"They were offering 1 per cent more than other banks and had lost their triple-A rating. As the old adage goes, if it seems to good to be true, it probably is."

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The men who did it



Paul Godfrey (left) receives his Investment Officer of the Year award from James Naughtie

Being expected to have the wisdom of Solomon allied with god-like financial nous and being entrusted with hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money might send some people into meltdown.

But the guys in Kingston's two-man treasury department are among the best in the business, according to a recent Audit Commission report which gave Ian Millar and Paul Godfrey a triple A rating.

And Mr Godfrey, who has worked for the council for 18 years, was also named

Investment Officer of the Year at last year's LGC Finance Awards, receiving the award from BBC broadcaster James Naughtie.

A former betting shop worker, he was praised for having a "great head for figures, a measured and prudent attitude to risk and great zeal for getting the best return".

The pair were also lauded for their "strong risk control environment", checking the Reuters news feed every day to follow the ups and, more recently, the downs of the money markets.

Hayley's building a constructive career

by LOUISE ROBERTSON

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The mention of women in construction is still met with the usual jeers and jokes from some of the population.

"I've never met a woman that can bang a nail in straight, or use a saw properly," laughed one man.

However outrageous his claims may be, he is not alone in this thoughts, but one Cobham-based firm is working to banish these misconceptions.

Willmott Dixon, who recently completed work on the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, sees the value women bring to the industry. Hayley Tribe, 24, from Guildford, joined the company after completing a sociology degree.

She said: "The construction industry wasn't something I initially saw myself working in as I would always think of it as very male dominated."

"However, I have since found I could not have been more wrong."

Miss Tribe has been with the company for two years and recently became a construction ambassador, visiting schools to give young people a real-life perception of the industry.

"I enjoy working with pupils or careers advisors, especially when you feel that you have demonstrated something they didn't know about construction and left them with a positive impression."

Despite the downturn in house



Construction: Hayley Tribe is hard at work

Willmott Dixon

building, the construction industry still needs thousands of new recruits to meet demand.

Almost 200,000 women in the UK have filled trade positions, but a number of hurdles remain for them to be accepted into the traditionally male roles, Miss Tribe believes.

"Some females may find it intimidating to join such a male-dominated industry, but from my experience I found all my male colleagues friendly and approachable," she said.

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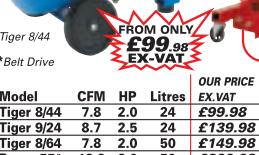
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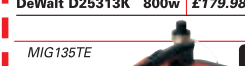
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No charges brought in kidnapping case

No charges will be brought against four men arrested in June over an incident where two men were kidnapped from Southwark, driven to Kingston and tortured.

Residents of Minerva Road, a quiet suburban street in Kingston opposite Fairfield Recreation Ground, told how they saw two hooded men dragging two other males into a house on June 3.

Eye-witnesses at the time described how when the kidnappers left the property the two victims smashed windows to escape before their captors returned.

After frantic calls to police from residents, officers successfully rescued the two hostages and sealed off the street while a fingertip search of the area was carried out. It has also emerged that the of-

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fence was deemed so serious that officers using Tasers were deployed.

After a Freedom of Information request by this newspaper, we uncovered a Taser was used twice during the incident, including on a suspect who was incapacitated after a confrontation in Villiers Road.

Despite one of the victims being pistol-whipped and officers recovering a revolver and baseball bat from the scene, a Metropolitan Police spokeswoman confirmed no charges will be brought against four men aged 19, 21, 21 and 29.

A resident of Minerva Road, who did not want to be named, was ap-

palled at the decision.

He said: "We were all interviewed, the road was sealed off to preserve the evidence and the men were arrested near the scene so I can't believe that the police don't have enough information."

"I've lost all faith in the police. This was not a petty crime. We're talking about kidnap, torture and guns."

The Met and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) were unable to confirm why no action will be taken.

The CPS stated there may have been insufficient evidence or no public interest in pursuing the case but was unable to comment on this specific incident.

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New NHS walk-in clinic for Chessington could be reality

Chessington and Hook patients could have a new NHS walk-in clinic open from 8am to 8pm every day of the year.

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The clinic would provide normal GP services as well as cervical screening, child health surveillance, minor surgery and maternity medical services.

It would also have a small casualty unit providing minor surgery to stop less seriously injured patients needing to drive across town to Kingston A&E.

Chessington North and Hook Councilor Mary Reid said: "In principle it seems like a good idea. If people in this

area have minor injuries they have to go to Kingston hospital which is not easy.

"After Norbiton, this is one of the parts of Kingston with some of the highest level of need.

"There are lots of decisions going on about who is going to do it and what will happen. It is such an early stage nobody can say anything more."

NHS chiefs want to avoid harming the five existing GP practices, but said: "for the avoidance of doubt, patients will have the freedom to move from their existing general practice."

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Plaudits for those making the borough a much greener place

by ALITA HOWE

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The driving forces behind Kingston's green movement came out in force on Monday to celebrate the 2008 Green Guardian Awards.

More than 200 people packed into the main auditorium of Kingston's Rose Theatre for the ceremony on October 13 to see the seven borough champions crowned.

For the first time the awards joined forces with the Kingston in Bloom and Sustainable Transport Awards for the Celebrating Green Kingston evening.

Nominees from the seven categories including green businesses, schools and projects, mingled to the sounds of a string quartet before the ceremony started in earnest.

Key speaker at the event was Rob Dickson, service director for environment and sustainability at Kingston Council.

He said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to recognise the positive actions of people living and working in Kingston and the effort and imagination they take to reduce their impact on the environment."

Also speaking to the audience, Kingston Guardian editor Sean Dugan said the event was not about winners or losers.

"Everyone working to live a greener life is a winner and we all benefit from your efforts," he said.

"We hope your efforts will inspire others to follow in your footsteps."

Highlights of the evening included brother and sister Clover and Fox Carson scooping the young environmentalist award and St John's Church of England Primary School triumphing in the Green Primary School category for the third year running.

A special award was also presented



Recognised effort: Some of the winners in this year's Kingston Green Guardian awards Deadlinepix KT23188

to the Green Fair Collective to recognise its dedication over 21 years and a slideshow of images was shown to the audience.

All the winners will receive sustainable timber trophies by Morgan

Design and will go on to compete against winners from other south-west London boroughs in the grand final at Epsom Racecourse on November 21.

For full coverage and more pho-

tos from the event, visit www.greenguardian.co.uk and see the Green Guardian pages in the coming weeks for coverage of the In Bloom and Sustainable Transport awards..

The Big Picture

□ A quarter of the world's land mammal species are at risk of extinction, according to the annual Red List survey by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

At least 1,141 of the 5,487 known species of mammal are threatened, with 188 listed as critically endangered, including the Iberian lynx and the Caspian seal.

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Each week we will ask a question on a Green related subject:

How many litres of water will a leaky tap waste every week?

Last week's answer: A London-wide switch to double sided printing could save 17.5 billion sheets of A4 paper every year, enough to wrap around the earth four times.



Stephanie Wood of Green Project/Group winner Food Matters, said: "I was so delighted to receive the Green Guardian award."

"The timing is perfect as the award will give School Food Matters the recognition it needs to drive the campaign forward."

"Right now, with a new school catering contract due to start in 2011, Kingston has the opportunity to become a leading light in public food procurement and a model for local authorities across the country."



Gwenda Mark from Green Building winner Water and Energy Efficient Homes said: "It's wonderful to be recognised for putting a great deal of effort into creating green buildings."

"It's been an aim of ours for a long time. "As consultants we were telling developers this is how they have to build so we thought it was time we put our money where our mouth was and do it ourselves."



Young Environmental-ist of the year are Fox and Clover Carson.

Fox, 12, said: "It's really amazing to win. I love getting my wellies on and helping with the clean-up of the Hogsmill."

"People think they don't have the time to help the environment but everyone can make a difference and it's fun."

Clover, nine, said: "I'm really excited to win. I like getting involved in all the local activities like litter picking and the river clean-ups where we can get messy. 'I can't wait to put my certificate on the wall.'"

Green homes

The launch of a pilot service to help busy people make their homes environmentally friendly was announced by Rob Dickson.

Run in partnership with Green Homes Concierge Service, all the winners have been offered the service free for a year if they live in the borough.



The winners of the annual Kingston in Bloom competition were also lauded at the ceremony. Susan Harrison, above, won the best container category.



'Fantastic opportunity': Rob Dickson, service director for environment and sustainability at Kingston Council, addresses the audience

Rubbish ideas at a discount

The Book of Rubbish Ideas is a room-by-room guide to reducing your personal and household waste. From bedroom to bathroom and study to shed, Tracey Smith shares a host of tried, tested and inexpensive ideas for cutting through the clutter to reveal a greener and simpler way of life. This is a positive guide to slowing down and greening up, and saving money along the way.

We are offering Green Guardian readers a 45 per cent discount (plus p&p charges). For further details on the book, and how to get the discount, visit www.greenguardian.co.uk and click on Offers.

Big win from small changes



Kingston's Green Champion 2008, Dr Martin Birley, is handed his award by Councillor Bob Steed.

Dr Birley said: "I am amazed and delighted and very surprised to win."

"There are so many positive things happening in this borough and everyone in Kingston can make a change for the better in lots and lots of small ways."

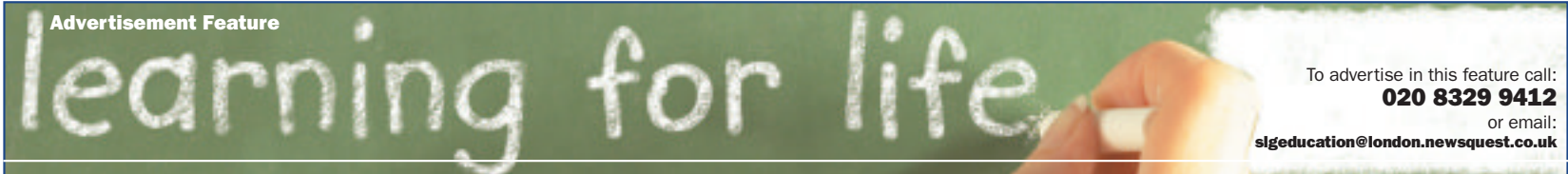


Sustainable Transport award winners were also given their plaudits. Charlie Algar, above, was the Best Young Cycling Trainee.



The awards were an excellent opportunity for the borough's many green-orientated groups and individuals to publicise their work in the past year and provide food for thought and inspiration. Here, two attendees inspect the exhibit of the Sustainable Gardening Group, which was commended in the Green Project/Group category.

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Exciting times for Chessington Community College

This year is an exciting time in the history of Chessington Community College with the move into Phase 1 of the new building with its outstanding facilities.

Phase 2 opens in September 2009 and includes a 350-seat theatre, arts and music centre,

dance and drama studios and extensive all-weather floodlit outdoor playing facilities.

The new college, which will represent a £27million investment, will occupy an attractive site in the south of the royal borough of Kingston upon Thames once the land-

scaping is completed, and serves the community as an 11-18 co-educational school.

It has Specialist Sports College status and prides itself on the number of pupils involved in sporting activities, outdoor activities and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It is intended that a large number of pupils will

become involved in arts and music on the completion of the arts and music centre.

The college offers a full range of AS, A-levels, BTEC vocational qualifications, GCSE resits and mature qualifications.

Post 16 exam results over recent years have been good and improving in both academic


and vocational subjects.

The college is only 12 minutes by train from Wimbledon – Chessington South Station being located next to the college. The principal is keen for parents and students to see the new facilities and speak to post-16 teachers, and as such, parents are invited to visit the college on Tuesday,


October 21 from 7pm.

The principal will speak to parents and then there will be an opportunity to visit departments and find out more about the courses on offer.

For a daytime appointment and tour of the college please telephone Mrs Opie in the sixth form office on 020 8974 1156 ext 244.






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Artist's impression of rear view of new development



Artist's impression of front view of new building

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- The Council's booklet on primary school admissions
- An application form

You will need to complete just one form (the Common Application Form) on which you list up to three Kingston schools, in order of your preference. We will offer you the highest preference school your child qualifies for according to the published admissions criteria.

You can also apply online which is easy to use and you will be guided through each step. For more information visit Kingston Council's website www.kingston.gov.uk/school_admissions for more information.

The closing date for applications is Friday 5 December 2008.

Make sure you apply on time - on paper or online!

Information and advice is also available for parents from:
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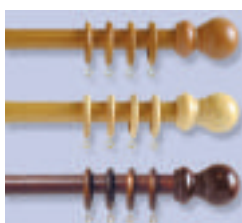
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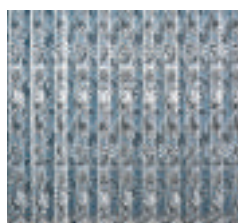
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No MRSA?

Kingston Hospital may not have had any reported cases of MRSA between April and June, but an operation I had in March left me with an MRSA infection which has caused the wound to reopen and left a hole the size of a 10p piece.

Kingston Hospital never tells you whether you have the infection so it seems likely that in many cases it's not reported and is therefore unlikely to appear in any figures.

MICHAEL NAPIER BROWN
Ham, Richmond

Highest council tax in London from Lib Dems

Although not entirely surprising, it is interesting to see the Kingston Lib Dems at loggerheads over their party's tax plans (Councillor Osbourne, October 3).

The crux of the issue is this – and I hear this from my own constituents all the time – that if the Lib Dems in the charge of the council were to

dramatically reduce public spending, knowing full well we receive an unfair settlement from the Government, then tax decreases would be possible.

The problem is Messrs Osbourne and Co would rather you and I foot the bill for lavish spending, inflation busting salary increases, and a

lust for creating more needless jobs courtesy of you, the taxpayer. The Lib Dems are a modern day tax and waste/spend party and the local example here in Kingston proves that.

Whatever the previous record of the Conservatives, they didn't give you the highest council tax in London and

let's be clear, the local Lib Dems aren't exactly covering themselves in glory by giving the residents here precisely that; the highest council tax in London.

COUNCILLOR
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Charity box thief jailed

A callous thief who stole a charity box containing £20 from a New Malden bank has been jailed.

"What a sad person, I would tattoo him with scum on his forehead then throw away the key."

Maureenj, Mitcham

Firm rapped for 'bonkers' paper delivery

A stationery company has been rapped for excess packaging after it delivered a piece of paper in a large cardboard box to Guildhall.

"Easy mistake to make. You've got a little box, you're not sure what's inside it, you think it might be fragile, so you put it in a bigger box, and stuff it full of foam and bubble bags. Anyone could make the same mistake – couldn't they?"

Fred1, Surbiton

Bus routes hit by strike

Bus drivers with First and Metroline are expected to walk off the job this morning for a 24-hour strike over pay and conditions.

"Thank you Croydon Guardian for putting up the latest information on this bus strike I have noted the numbers and will now let as many elderly people know about this as possible. I don't care what people think we have a duty to help the people who made this Great Britain and so there is nothing wrong with helping OAPS out when most don't have the internet. I was told I would be able to use the internet but went on a course by EDF Energy I also have a mobile. Again younger people said I wouldn't be able to use it – please stop the insults on here."

CR2, Croydon

"Bus drivers = mugs."

Ric, Kingston

Moor Lane

After reading Miss Tucker's comments in the Guardian, October 2, about the Moor Lane site, I felt compelled to reply.

I totally agree that Kingston Council has been far from honest about the move to Castle Hill in Buckland Road.

In a news item on local radio, October 3, it stated that the Government has allocated £40m for Kingston Council to be used for social housing on the Moor Lane site.

Thus this being the real reason for the controversial move.

NAME AND ADDRESS
SUPPLIED

Knitting fix

SIR. On October 7, I bought from the Oxfam charity shop in Surbiton a Silver Reed knitting machine.

But when I got home, I found several of the accessories were missing. Could I ask the lady who took it to the shop if she still has them? Most important are the yarn and tension feeder.

MRS JA STEVENS
Amis Avenue
West Ewell

TONY ADAMS
Chairman, Kingston Area
Travellers' Association

Tony Arbour and Boris Johnson: The Mayor's free travel policy is not quite what it is made out to be Deadlinepix IS20008

Full round-the-clock transport not a reality

Assembly Member Tony Arbour stated in his letter of September 24 that ex-Mayor Ken Livingstone had got it wrong when, during the election, he was claiming that Boris Johnson was going to abolish the OAP Freedom Pass.

Firstly, Mr Livingstone never said this, but more importantly BoJo had promised that the Freedom Pass would be valid 24 hours on all modes of transport.

But while, from January 2, 2009, the Freedom Pass will be valid around the

clock, it will not apply to National Rail in Greater London. Something that Mr Livingstone was also going to introduce.

So the reality is that our Assembly Member for London SW has got it wrong because the extended hours only apply to TFL

modes: buses, trams, Tube and DLR.

Accordingly, the assurances from both BoJo and Mr Arbour have turned out to be Tory porkies!

'Treasured vistas' will be all but lost with proposed development

The title of Sir John Dunt's recently published letter "Jolly Boatman plans will open up views" is in itself laughable.

The Gladedale planning applications intend to comprehensively develop the Hampton Court station/Jolly Boatman sites. Contrary to Sir John Dunt's opinion, if planning permission is granted, this development will obliterate forever the prized views and open aspects to and from Hampton Court Palace, the river bridge and historic station.

It is easy for Sir John to comment on these proposals from the luxury of Richmond Hill, maintaining his opinion that

we will all benefit. In fact, it will be the residents of Molesey and Hampton, and not those of Richmond, who will suffer the impact of this huge development on traffic and trade. Even Vince Cable MP has spoken insistently of the need for a public inquiry to decide the site's future, viewing the project as he does, from his Twickenham constituency.

Interesting, too, that Sir John claims that HCRC has "hood-winked" its supporters. The HCRC argues that while the designs have been altered and residential units substituted for care home accommodation, there has been no reduction

whatsoever to the overall mass, density and height of the projected buildings – the huge size of the development remaining unchanged.

From those first proposals in 2006 to the present application, supporters have seen the transparency of these revisions and the kindly continue (via the website hamptoncourtrescuecampaign.com) to give their endorsement to HCRC's sustained objectives:

□ The renovation and improvement of the railway station

□ To landscape the Jolly Boatman as open space and NO hotel.

□ Public inquiry to decide the outcome of these applications.

It is the Royal Star and Garter supporters who are being duped on this issue. The HCRC sees over and over again references to the wonderful situation of the new home, as if positioned to enjoy the outlook of the Thames and palace. This must be clarified. By being sited at the far end of the existing car park, the new home fails to offer these treasured vistas. It is surprising that of his 100 alternative sites, the Vice-Admiral believes this to be the best of choices.

Maybe Sir John might also like to reconsider his apprecia-

tion of the projected riverside open space. The new traffic proposals allow for an amenity road servicing the hotel, care home and homes, to convey both HGV and commercial vehicles through the "Riverside Square". This 20ft wide, two-way thoroughfare will conflict with pedestrian traffic and seriously compromise safety.

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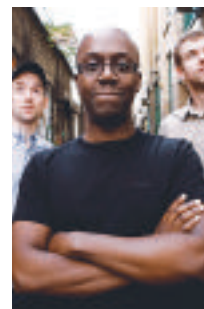
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The Robert Mitchell Trio at the Ram Jam Club – see page 34



Behind the scenes: Rehearsals of Love's Labour's Lost with Nick Barber (Dumaine), Dan Fredenburgh (King Ferdinand of Navarre) and Nicholas Bishop Pic by Nobby Clark

Bourne to act

Theatrical heavyweight Peter Hall enjoys a reputation as a hard task-master but, when it comes to his beloved Shakespeare, even that gets turned up a notch.

Revealing all is Dan Fredenburgh, slipping into the role of King Ferdinand in Hall's upcoming production of *Love's Labour's Lost*.

And, despite having worked with the visionary director recently at the Rose on *Portrait of a Lady*, Fredenburgh admits rehearsals have taken him by surprise.

"I can honestly say I have never worked so hard on a job in my life," he says.

"Peter is incredibly precise in what he wants – there is no fudging it.

"He picks you up on every little thing.

"Working with him on Shakespeare is worlds apart from anything else.

"But the reason we all took this job was for the opportunity to work on Shakespeare with Peter Hall. He is truly inspiring."

The Islington-based actor has dabbled in Shakespeare before with a brief stint with the Royal Shakespeare Company. And he reveals that taking on the comedy is a

THEATRE: Love's Labour's Lost, Rose Theatre

*Simon
Fitzjohn*

tough proposition.

He says: "Love's Labour's Lost is regarded as one of the hardest Shakespeare plays to do – to do well, anyway.

"There is an awful lot going on – a lot for a brain like mine to take in anyhow!"

Fredenburgh can be forgiven for any slight lapses in concentration, though, as the 40-year-old also has the small matter of a movie that he wrote and starred in about to debut at the London Film Festival.

The project, *Broken Lines*, saw Dan team up with close friend Paul Bettany for the tale of London families brought together by tragedy.

He reveals: "I have been writing the film for the past five years.

"I have known Paul for a long time – since we did a foundation course together many

years ago.

"There was a role in it that I thought he would be really good for and he was happy to do it.

"We were the only British film to show at the Venice Film Festival recently and it was well received but it will be great to get a proper release."

In fact, the medium of film is obviously one Fredenburgh is comfortable in, with appearances in the likes of *Love Actually* and *The Bourne Ultimatum*, along with a raft of television appearances to his name.

And, as Fredenburgh is quick to point out, anything would beat his tentative first steps into the world of employment.

He confesses: "Originally I was doing a crappy job as a bicycle courier in London.

"I realised that, unless I wanted to be stuck in a horrible job like that, I needed to do something creative.

"My cousin ran a theatre company, there was an opening – and the rest is history."

Love's Labour's Lost, Rose Theatre, Kingston, October 21 to November 15, 7.30pm, £7-£29, call 0871 230 1552 or visit rosetheatrekingston.org for booking and more information.

“I realised that, unless I wanted to be stuck in a horrible job, I needed to do something creative. My cousin ran a theatre company, there was an opening – and the rest is history”

**Actor
Dan Fredenburgh**

The week ahead

Singing the blues

Enigmatic blues musician Eleanor Ellis will perform her first ever UK gig. Also known as a writer, archivist and film-maker, Ellis will be joined by Simon Prager and Rob Mason. Ram Jam Club, October 16, 8pm, £8, 020 8567 2004.

Crack a laugh

Kingston's laughter factory, the Crack Comedy Club, mirths up another Friday night with a trio of top stand-ups. Paul Chowdhry, Stan Stanley and Paul Tonkinson will be grabbing the mic and leaving the audience in stitches. **Grey Horse, Kingston, October 17, 8pm, £6/£8/£10, 020 8549 9790.**

Draw some conclusions

Experience drawing and experimenting with varied drawing materials when Kingston College stage The Big Draw 2008. Artists and designers will lead workshops on the theme of *Drawing On Words*, and prizes will be awarded for the best entries. Kingston College, Richmond Road, October 18, 10.30am, free, 020 8939 4601.

A Giant undertaking

Image Theatre presents its own take on Oscar Wilde's delightful fairytale *The Selfish Giant*. Fun for all the family, it charts the giant's journey to redemption. **Vera Fletcher Hall, Thames Ditton, October 18, 2.30pm, £5.50, 0844 884 8832.**

Run for Miles

Way Out West becomes a jazz battleground this week when they host a show-down night dubbed Miles v Monk. Leading the troops will be Chris Biscoe (sax), Kate Williams (piano), Julie Walkington (double bass), Graham Fox (drums) and Martin Shaw (trumpet). Ram Jam Club, Kingston, October 22, 8pm, £9, 020 8567 2004.

For more events turn to page 35

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Films What's on this week

EAGLE EYE (12A): Shia LaBeouf stars in director DJ Caruso's ludicrously overblown romp about two strangers drawn into a web of murder and deceit by an unseen puppet master (voiced by Julianne Moore) who ultimately wants them to commit mass murder. The would-be assassins find themselves on the run from the cops and FBI as Eagle Eye barely pauses for breath between each slam-bang action sequence. ★★★

BURN AFTER READING (15): After the agonising tension and brutality of their Oscar-winning opus No Country For Old Men, writer-directors Joel and Ethan Coen return to comedic territory with this pithy tale of espionage and infidelity. While not classic Coen brothers fare, Brad Pitt keeps us smirking as the dim-witted gym employee who, with co-worker Frances McDormand, tries to blackmail a former CIA agent (John Malkovich) to fund her plastic surgery needs. Also features George Clooney and Tilda Swinton. ★★★

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (12A): Strumming to the same beat as School Of Rock – albeit with a younger target audience – the new film from director Peter Jackson (The Full Monty) hits some of the right notes but there's nothing we haven't seen or heard before. And coming so soon after the 2003 Jack Black film, The Rocker – which has Rainn Wilson of the American version of The Office in its lead role – is little more than a feel-good cover version, replete with a denouement where the underdogs prove their not-so-heavy mettle. ★★★

IGOR (PG): Director Tony Leondis's animated take on the evil scientist's pitiful sidekick Frankenstein scenario



Won't set the world alight: City Of Ember's Tim Robbins

is as brain-dead as some of its grotesque characters. Igor, voiced by John Cusack, is given an unlikely opportunity to invent something himself but unfortunately his monster believes she is an actress destined to audition for the role of musical heroine Annie. Children will be bored almost as quickly as parents. ★★

MIRRORS (15): Kiefer Sutherland returns to the big screen in this ridiculous horror yarn as a former cop who stumbles into a nightmare world in his new job as a night security man. With his marriage wrecked by alcohol problems, Sutherland is unaware mirrors in the store he protects are possessed and need him to carry out their despicable plan – or face the consequences. ★★

CITY OF EMBER (PG): Monster House director Gil Kenan brings Jeanne DuPrau's vision of a subterranean refuge to life, imagining a world cocooned against the threat of nuclear war. The bustling metropolis has survived under the power of a generator for 200 years but machinery is about to fail, threatening to plunge the sanctuary into eternal darkness. The film feels sluggish and Bill Murray does a lifeless turn as a corrupt official. ★★★

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Scouse party

COMEDY: Chris McCausland, Soho Theatre
Simon Fitzjohn

Scousers have long held a reputation as the nation's jokers and, despite residing in Surbiton for the past 10 years, Chris McCausland is eager to carry on the tradition.

McCausland, Britain's only blind stand-up, stumbled into the world of comedy after enduring three-and-a-half years in a call centre after completing a software engineering degree, despite his sight deteriorating.

"I studied for three years to get my degree and, by the time I completed it, I couldn't see the screens!" he says.

Now a fixture on the comedy circuit, having snatched a Jongleurs award for Best Newcomer back in 2004, Chris is unleashing his own one-man show in the West End.

A mix of warm delivery and witty observation, everything from knife crime to the problem of collective nouns takes a hit in his scattergun approach.

And Chris put aside his first-night nerves to answer some of our teasers.

SF: Who are your favourite



stand-ups at the moment?

CM: Eddie Izzard is my all-time favourite just because he was so unique when he started. He was different and inoffensive. On the flipside, I love Doug Stanhope as he is so overtly offensive. You might not agree with what he says but he has a great style of delivery.

SF: What's the best heckle you have heard?

CM: In one of my earlier shows, a group shouted, "We're behind you", which I found pretty amusing.

SF: Which joke do you wish you had written?

CM: It would have to be anything from Eddie Izzard's first DVD. He did a routine about supermarkets which was brilliant, simple stuff but very funny.

SF: How does someone survive a call centre?

CM: I have tried to find something about it looking back but with little success. You have to work with a good bunch of people to keep your sanity. You had to find entertainment value in your work

so we would challenge each other to crowbar words into calls, like 'cabbage patch'.

SF: Any hidden talents?

CM: I like cooking but only if it can be thrown in a wok. I'm into computer software so I suppose I'm a bit of a geek really – does an interest in statistics count as a hidden talent?

Chris McCausland, Soho Theatre, W1, until Saturday, October 18, 8pm, £10/£12, call 020 7478 0100 to book.

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Text appeal

Musicals get the text treatment this week when Hinchley Manor Operatic Society showcase their original production, Electric Dreams, at Arthur Cotterell Theatre.

Dragging the song-and-dance scenario screaming up to date, the musical is set in an internet café in Kingstons.

With the cast chatting via social networking sites, a catalogue of songs ensue, made famous by West End shows.

Director David Stewart explains: "Basically, it is a compilation show of songs that are on in the West End."

"It is pretty much a whistle-stop tour of the musicals, set against a modern-day backdrop."

"So there will be plenty of numbers that the audience will know."

Despite the production starting in a café, before moving onto a Big Brother house-style

THEATRE:
Electric Dreams, Arthur Cotterell Theatre
Simon Fitzjohn

setting, Stewart is quick to point out the show will be no static snoozefest.

He reveals: "We have a cast of nearly 40 people and there are a lot of songs packed into the show."

"There is a lot of dancing and plenty of visuals."

"We are using a mix of stage set and projection screens and there is plenty going on."

The show will be another notch on the 55-year-old belt of the society, although this will be the first time they have

dipped their toe into original material.

Sticking to their vow of performing two shows a year, Electric Dreams follows on the heels of a successful staging of Little Shop of Horrors earlier this year.

And Stewart admits getting the go-ahead was a lot easier this time round.

He adds: "When you do a compilation show the rules are quite simple regarding rights."

"You can perform up to three songs from any one show but it must not be performed in the original context."

"For example, we have a number from Les Miserables but, as no one is storming the Bastille while singing it, I think we are okay!"

Electric Dreams, Arthur Cotterell Theatre, Kingston College, October 21-25, 7.30pm, £12/£14, visit 020 8942 6867.



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Three Spirits

Some musicians have a burning desire to succeed, an overwhelming drive that sees them slog the circuit in a bid to make it big, desperate to prove themselves the 'next big thing'.

And then there is the other side of the spectrum of course – those who are in it purely for the music and, if anything comes of it, well, that is a bonus.

Count Robert Mitchell a fully paid-up member of the latter group, as the laidback jazz pianist oozes as relaxed a vibe in person as the chilled-out tracks he has put to record with the Robert Mitchell Trio.

Emerging as an offshoot from jazz ensemble Panacea, Mitchell reveals the trio came to fruition for nothing else than to try something different: "We were playing as the rhythm section for Panacea and thought we would give the idea of a trio a go.

"We had no big plans

GIGS:

**Robert Mitchell,
Ram Jam Club**

Simon Fitzjohn

whatsoever.

"It has been a gradual process – it can be quite restrictive as there are so many trios around and it has taken us a good while to find something distinctive."

The 'we' is fellow band members drummer Richard Spaven and bassist Tom Mason and the threesome has produced an intriguing mix of old-school jazz, folk elements and modern electronica.

With album *The Greater Good* about to be released, the group is heading out on tour as a celebration.

And for Mitchell, it all comes naturally.

He adds: "My father was

a singer and there was a piano in our family home.

"I started messing around with it when I was very young and, as we had a classical teacher live nearby, I had lessons.

"In fact, when I think back, it seems as though it was always meant to be."

The Ilford-born artist has an impressive slate of accomplishments on his musical CV, with membership of the F-ire Collective and a duo with Cuban violinist Omar Puente to go with his ongoing Panacea stint.

And he admits now is the time to truly leave his mark: "It is very cool to be around a couple of guys who really want to develop.

"My ultimate aim is for people to listen to us and not be mistaken for anybody else."

Robert Mitchell Trio, Ram Jam Club, Kingston, Tuesday, October 21, 9pm, £3/£5, call 020 8549 8709.

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Pop goes Esser

Interviews with up-and-coming bands can often be a tricky minefield to manoeuvre.

Eager to mark themselves out as 'something different', or desperate to appeal to the NME-reading, chin-stroking, latte-sipping musos, they can very easily descend into a pile of pretentious codswallop. Not so with Ben Esser, though, who is only too happy to utter the word that most musicians dread – pop.

"Oh, I would definitely say the stuff I do is just pop music," he says. "There are a lot of bizarre things I try and syphon but it still ends up as one pop snippet."

The Essex singer/songwriter began his path to prominence in, of all places, the nation's favourite holiday camps.

Slogging round Butlins may not be the

GIGS:

**Esser,
New Slang**

Simon Fitzjohn

height of musical ambition but it did give Ben a good grounding as a drummer for a covers band, managed by a former member of Freddie And The Dreamers. And this led to a stint as drummer for now-defunct indie outfit Ladyfuzz.

But, having ditched the past and decided to forge on alone, Esser is now earning a glowing reputation that culminated in festival appearances at Reading and Leeds this summer.

And he even found time to squeeze in a few singles releases and this is where the individuality starts to seep

through.

One track, *Headlock*, had the unusual promotional trick of being released on CD and T-shirt.

Esser explains: "The idea was to have something to own physically rather than just a download.

"Rather than just being on CD or vinyl we thought it would be nice to have a T-shirt – but it does have my face on it!"

Now signed to Transgressive Records, big things are expected.

And New Slang is no doubt delighted to have secured his services, where Ben will be supported by James Yuill and Micachu.

Esser, New Slang, McClusky's, October 16, 9pm, £4/£5, call 020 8549 5871.

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thursday, october 16

GIGS
Eleanor Ellis. With Simon Prager and Rob Mason. 8pm. Ram Jam Club, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £8. 020 8567 2004. greyhorse.co.uk or eleanorellis.com
Ram Jam Vocal. Your chance to sing with jazz musicians. 8.30pm. Ram Jam Club (see above). £7 (conc £4).
Get Duffy. Acoustic duo. 8.30pm. Sullivan's Wine Bar, 39-41 Church Street, Weybridge. Free.
The Rescuers. Rock and pop covers. 8.30pm. Brave New World, 22 Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Free. 020 8399 0200.

friday, october 17

EVENTS
 toddlers' Rhyme Time. 10.30am. West Barnes Library, Station Road. Free. 020 8942 635. library@merton.gov.uk
EXHIBITIONS
In The Space Of Elsewhere. Until Nov 22. Tues-Fri noon to 4pm, Sat noon to 4pm, Mon by appt. Nine international contemporary artists working in a range of media. Noon. Stanley Picker Gallery, Kingston University, Knights Park. Free. stanleypickergallery.org
Home and Away. A combination of abstract and representational atmospheric land and seascapes painted in oils by Carol Morgan. 1.30am. Fountain Gallery, 26 Bridge Road, Hampton Court, East Molesey. Free. 020 8941 865. fountaingallery.co.uk
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saturday, october 18

CHILDREN
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GIGS
Arilyn, The Dreaming Tree (Prog Rock). 7.30pm. The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston. 020 8546 3516. peelbooking@hotmail.com
Kingston Philharmonia. Including Schumann - Konzertstück. 7.30pm. All Saints' Parish Church, Market Place.
Get Duffy. Acoustic duo. 8.30pm. The Magpie, 68 Terrace Road, Walton. Free.
COMEDY
The Laughing Horse. Doors 7.30pm. Stand-up from Alexis Dubas, Paul Harry Allen, Matthew Whitely, Dylan Bray, Jan Hill, Imran Yusuf and Hilly Burn. With a weekly topical material spot from Kevin McCarron and host Donald Mack. 8.30pm. The Cricketers, 20 Fairfield South, Kingston. £6 (£5.50 students and members). 07913 460295. info@laughinghorse.co.uk
Kingsmeadow Live. Doors 8pm. Who's Who. Tribute band. 9.30pm. Kingsmeadow Stadium, Jack Goodchild Way, 422a Kingston Road, Kingston. £18 adv (£10). 020 8547 3335. kingsmeadowlive.com or thewhotribute.com

sunday, october 19

COMEDY
Comedy Club. Off The Kerb. 8pm. Riverhouse, Manor Road, Walton. £11. 01932 243354. riverhousearn.co.uk
Crack Comedy Club. Doors 7pm. Paul Chowdhry, Stan Stanley and Paul Tonkinson. Pete Jonas is guest MC. 8pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £10 (£8/£6). 020 8549 9790. crackcomedy.com
CONCERTS
Dmitri Teplakov. The virtuoso pianist plays East European music including Pictures At An Exhibition by Mussorgsky, Vallee d'Obermann by Liszt, the violin sonata by Scharwenka with Oliver Nelson, and songs by Chopin with Caroline Luard. 3pm. Riverhouse, Manor Road, Walton. £10. 01932 253354. boxoffice@riverhousearn.co.uk
THEATRE
An Evening with Pam Ayres. Pam Ayres comes to the Rose with her current show, which includes material from her bestselling books, Surgically Enhanced, and The Works, along with new poems and stories. 5pm. Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street, Kingston. 0871 230 1552. rosetheatrekingston.org
GIGS
The Tony Heiberg Quintet. Featuring Duncan Eagles, sax. 8pm. The Kingston Gate, 204 London Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8546 4840.
Open Mic. Various artists. 8.30pm. Brave New World, 22 Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Free.

monday, october 20

GIGS
Jam-Pact. 8.30pm. The Cardinal Wolsey, The Green, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey. Free. info@jam-pact.com
EVENTS
Kingston Vale Operatic & Dramatic Society (KVODS) Youth Group. 6.30pm. Kingston Vale Village Hall. £10 pa. secretary@kvods.com
CONCERTS
Lunchtime Recitals - Gina Watson (soprano), Kinuku Rogeon-Pope (piano). 1.15pm. All Saints' Parish Church, Market Place, Kingston. Free.

tuesday, october 21

THEATRE
Love's Labour's Lost. Until Nov 15. Shakespeare classic directed by Peter Hall. 7.30pm. Mat Wed, Thurs, Sat 2.30pm. Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street, Kingston. £7-£28. 0871 230 1552. rosetheatrekingston.org

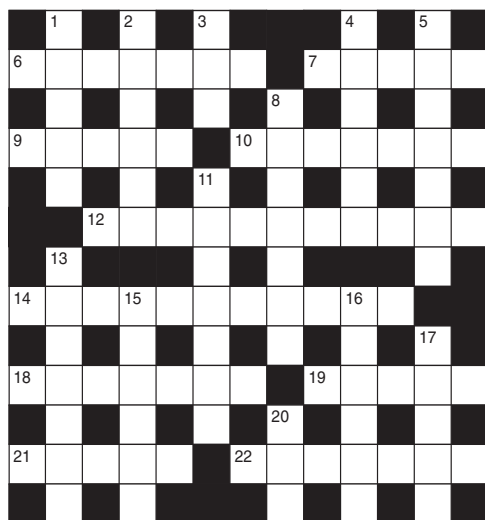
wednesday, october 22

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Links and Connections. Until Oct 26. Sun 2.30pm-4.30pm. Celebration of work by Textile and Fine Art AS-Level students at Heathside School, Weybridge. 11am. Riverhouse, Manor Road, Walton. Free. 01932 253354. boxoffice@riverhousearn.co.uk
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The Fibonacci Sequence. The top chamber ensemble, led by Kathron Sturrock, will perform pieces for piano, flute and oboe by composers Tim Ewers and David Osborn. Free. 1.15pm. Coombe-hurst Studio, Kingston Hill Campus, Kingston University. 020 8417 5185. t.ewers@kingston.ac.uk
GIGS
Way Out West. Miles v Monk. Chris Bischoe (sax, clar), Kete Williams (piano), Julie Walkington (double bass), Graham Fox (drums), and Martin Shaw (trumpet and flugelhorn). Doors 7pm. 8pm. Ram Jam Club, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £9 (£7). 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk or jazzinlondon.net/wayoutwest

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- Beneath (5)
- Crease (5)
- Least (7)
- Command (11)
- Component (11)
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- Amusing (5)
- Player (5)
- Move forward (7)

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- Moral (7)
- Sovereign (7)
- Coma (6)
- Usual (6)
- Negligent (5)
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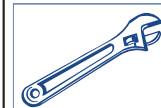
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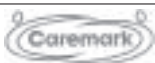
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IF ONLY YOUR LOVE IS REAL!
Uncomplicated **F, 52**, looking for real & meaningful relationship with **M**, similar age, to live life to the full. Slough. Box 423795

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Passionate, kind, loving black **F, young 65**, loves music, theatre, travel & dancing. **Seeks** white **M, 60-70**, n/s, to share domestic & loving care. Wandsworth. Box 112299

SMILING EYES
Slim, loving, caring **F, young 70s**, red hair, smiling eyes, likes music, theatre & the sea. **Seeks** slim, happy **M** to be her soulmate & best friend. Twickenham. Box 256393

NOT TOO SKINNY
Tall, medium-build, cheerful, romantic lady, **55**, enjoys dining in/out, travel, cooking, cinema & theatre. **WLM** tall **M, 52-68**, for a possible relationship. Kingston. Box 130813

DANCE ME INTO TOMORROW
Easy-going, feminine, vibrant **F, 61**, likes dancing, walking, travel & the arts. **Seeks** intelligent **M, 55-65**, for companionship, perhaps more. Morden. Box 584520

IT'S A SHORE THING
Tall brunette, **59**, enjoys the coast & countryside. **Seeks** tall, easy-going **M**, friendly & more. Streatham. Box 204902

WALTZ THIS WAY
Slim, petite, genuine **F, 73**, **GSOH**, loves dancing, music, theatre & short walks. **Seeks** nice **M**, similar interests, for companionship. Fulham. Box 712669

ATTRACTION OFFER
Hard-working single mum, **33**, attractive, curly brunette, new to the area. **Seeks** tall, dark, handsome **M**. Wimbledon. Box 509271

COOK UP A TREAT
Very attractive **F, 27**, into cooking & going out, etc. **Seeks** white British **M, 28-36**, for friendship. Wandsworth Common. Box 970634

LONDON/SURREY CALLING
Honest, sincere, solvent, humorous **F, 54**, enjoys travel & current affairs. **Seeks** single **M, 55-72**, n/s, for who knows what? Box 341700

A TOUCH OF CLASS
Cheerful **F, young 50s, 57"**, enjoys cooking, eating in/out, theatre & walking her dogs. **Seeks** witty, honest, smart, fun chap, for friendship. Morden. Box 924529

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF
Happy, kind, caring **F, 60**, solvent, humorous, enjoys travel, current affairs & eating in/out. **WLM** **59-72**, n/s, for who knows what? SW Ldn. Box 691888

DANCING QUEEN
Black British **F, 50**, enjoys dancing, cinema, restaurants & cosy evenings in. **Seeks** **M**, similar age, race no issue, 57-72, n/s, for friendship, maybe more. Hounslow. Box 119047

KEEP IT ALIVE
Active, sociable **F, 60**, loves live music, the arts & travel. **WLM** soulmate. Teddington. Box 812104

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Christian **F, 36**, enjoys pubs, film, clubs, the gym, jogging & nights in/out. **Seeks** genuine **M, 30-38**, for fun times, possible sex & eating in/out. **WLM** **59-72**, n/s, for who knows what? Box 341700

BLACK & BEAUTIFUL
Attractive, slim, elegant black graduate, **28**, **GSOH**, into dining, travel, film & books. **WLM** tall, smart profess **M, 30-38**, for friendship, possibly more. Putney/Richmond. Box 343845

FEEL THE HEAT
Slim, attractive **F, 50s, 5'6"**, reiki healer, likes swimming, reading, conversation & home life. **WLM** similar **M** for friendship. Wandsworth. Box 912692

BEST FOOT FORWARD
Asian **F, 41**, slim & attractive, enjoys walks, keep fit, music & socialising. **WLM** caring & honest Asian guy for friendship. South Croydon. Box 977953

A SUITABLE BOY
Asian **F, 45**, enjoys eating out, an occasional smoke & cinema. **Seeks** honest 42-47, as suitable partner for long-term relationship. Crystal Palace. Box 3039342

INDEPENDENT WOMAN
Brown-skinned **F, 23**, curvy, independent single mum, likes dining out & weekends away. **Seeks** attractive, caring **M, 25-30**, **GSOH**, for friendship or relationship. Croydon. Box 101729

HAPPY HOURS TOGETHER
Easy-going blonde **F, 57**, **GSOH**, likes sharing the simple things in life. **Seeks** honest, understanding **M, 57-60**, for loving relationship. Croydon. Box 375559

PROGNOSIS IS GOOD
Curvy, happy brunette, **42**, nurse, family orientated, loves going out. **Seeks** **M** for friendship. Croydon. Box 445402

FRIENDS & THEN...
Blue-eyed, fair **F, 32, 5'4"**, likes cinema, meals out, pubs, country walks & nights in. **Seeks** **M, 30-43**, for friendship & relationship. Haywards Heath. Box 822541

CHRISTIANS IN CROYDON
Black African **F, 36**, Christian, likes eating out & travel. **Seeks** **M** for friendship, maybe more, nationality or age unimportant. Croydon. Box 542563

LADY OF DISTINCTION
Tall, attractive blonde, **61**, enjoys travel, sport. **WLM** tall, educated, sincere **M, 55-65**, with **GSOH**, for relationship. Wandsworth. Box 880010

KICK LONELINESS INTO TOUCH
Black **F, 43**, loving, kind & sincere, likes rugby, eating out & socialising. **Seeks** honest, kind, attractive white **M, 35-48**, for long-term relationship. Croydon. Box 565360

SHE LOVES TO CARE
Black African **F, 50**, n/s, profess, Christian, tall, loving & caring, likes reading & travel. **WLM** similar **M, 48-58**, for lasting relationship. Croydon. Box 103529

PRETTY GOOD CATCH
Pretty **F, 35**, slim, honest & caring. **WLM** white, good-looking dad, slim/medium build, for possible long-term relationship. Carshalton. Box 538823

WAITING IN THE WINGS
Attractive **F, 46, 5'8"**, n/s, kind, caring, attentive, enjoys keep fit, theatre & socialising. **Seeks** tall, romantic profess **M**. Sutton. Box 876269

ON THE SAME PAGE
Petite, blue-eyed **F, 46, 5"**, n/s, **GSOH**, likes the outdoors, reading, golf & cosy nights in. **Seeks** tactile, committed **M**. Carshalton. Box 855840

BOWL ME OVER
Sporty **F, 35**, supports Spurs, likes cinema & bowling. **Seeks** slim **M, 28-36**, n/s, for friendship. hopefully more. Epsom. Box 752065

JUST THE PERFECT MATCH
Italian **F, mid 40s**, attractive, caring, likes dining out, travel & theatre. **Seeks** perfect match in real gentleman, 46-55, n/s. Mitcham. Box 814496

A GREAT OUTLOOK
Afro-Caribbean **F, 62**, positive & youthful outlook. **Seeks** **M, 58-65, 5'9"**, n/s, for friendship. hopefully more. Purley. Box 502477

A FAMILY AFFAIR
Loving, caring, loyal single mum, **40s**, likes reading, snuggles on the sofa, home & family life. **WLM** kind, caring **M, 40-48**. Croydon. Box 443569

DON'T BE STUMPED
Honest, medium-build single mum, **43, 5'3"**, likes books, restaurants, discos, a drink & cricket. **Seeks** tall, medium-built **M, 39-48**. Croydon. Box 863968

WHITE HEART MY HEART
Genuine **F, 35**, has epilepsy, enjoys socialising, coffee, conversation & supporting Spurs. **WLM** understanding local **M**, similar age, n/s, for friendship & romance. Epsom. Box 200793

REAL APPEAL
Attractive **F, mid 50s, 5'8"**, Auburn hair, into classical music, swimming, France, the countryside & coast. **WLM** dark-haired **M, 35**, similar interests, for real relationship. Croydon. Box 637775

THAT'S ME!
Attractive, cheeky, bossy **F, 45, 5'5"**, n/s, large build, enjoys cinema, pubs & people. **WLM** nice, stocky **M** for friendship & possible romance. Morden. Box 247558

FRIEND & COMPANION
F, 63, 5'4", likes travel, theatre, eating out, holidays & walks. **WLM** sincere, attractive gentleman, 55-64, for friendship. Morden. Box 827228

EASY DOES IT
Easy-going Caribbean **F, 32**, likes film, restaurants & world travel. **Seeks** nice **M, GSOH**, for lasting relationship. Carshalton. Box 873249

LET'S GET SERIOUS
Slim, attractive **F, young 62**, seeks youthfull **M, 55-65**, for friendship, possible relationship. Croydon. Box 430036

BOON WITH A BOND
Blonde-ish single mum, **38, 5'8"**, seeks genuine **M** for cinema, restaurants, drinks & friendship. Croydon. Box 361535

NOW & THEN LADY
F graduate, **62**, Guardian reader, likes lots of stuff, keen on gardening, friends & family. **Seeks** "how & then" companion/friend to share walks, outings & meals. Brighton. Box 877028

MATCH WINNER
Kind, caring **F, 27**, honest with **GSOH**, seeks guy, 28-35, for meals out, bowling & cinema, leading to long-term relationship. Guildford. Box 391671

LOVE MAY TRIUMPH
Honest **F, 37**, hazel eyes, likes motor-bikes, watching telly & listening to music. **WLM** guy who likes similar things & can make her happy. Farnborough. Box 925190

DESTINY AWAITS
Scorpio lady, **55**, loves Japanese literature, art, cooking, movies & poetry. **Seeks** Taurus **M, 45-55**, with or without children for relationship. Hove. Box 484907

COOKING GOOD-LOOKING
Good-looking **F, 36**, kind, caring & loving, likes cooking, going out & meeting friends. **Seeks** similar **M** for long-term relationship. Redhill. Box 407227

LET'S MEAT
Honest, vibrant **F, 45, 5'5"**, size 20-22, blue eyes, looking for guy, 38-48, meaty build, for good times & lots more. Morden. Box 512615

NURSE F, 40 something, slim & attractive, loves travel, sport, cycling, wit & the craic, happily divorced. **Seeks** similar intelligent **M**. Sutton. Box 711993

MAKE ME SMILE
Attractive **F, 42**, into most things, likes socialising & travel. **WLM** attractive, kind, caring **M, 38-47**, who's fun to be with. Wallington. Box 678512

MARRIAGE IN MITCHAM
Petite, intelligent, loving **F, 31**, enjoys cooking, current affairs, museums, art, culture & good conversation. **Seeks** n/s, Scottish **M, 30-40**. Mitcham. Box 168919

WAYS OF SEEING
Kind, inquiring, outgoing profess **F, 50s**, n/s, enjoys music, theatre, travel & conversation. **WLM** bright, interesting **M** for friendship first. Tadworth. Box 352600

WISH YOU WISTERIA
Outgoing, sociable widow, **64**, likes gardening, reading, cooking & travel. **Seeks** similar **M** for companionship, perhaps more. Staines. Box 432585

KISS ME QUICK
Slim, white single mum, **25**, enjoys nights out, laughter & romance. **Seeks** honest **M, 25-30**. Ashford. Box 234084

FIRST COURSE: FRIENDSHIP
Asian **F, 56**, **GSOH**, likes travel, dancing & eating out. **WLM** honest, kind, romantic **M** for something special. Sutton. Box 502477

DANCE WITH ME
Petite **F, 62**, brown eyes & blonde hair, **GSOH**, enjoys dining out, theatre, dancing, music & the countryside. **WLM** guy of similar age & interests. Chessington. Box 916185

HOPELESSLY DEVOTED
Petite, pretty blonde, **46, 5'3"**, honest & loving, loves eating out, cinema, drives, holidays & cosy nights in. **WLM** tall, romantic **M** for friendship & relationship. Worcester. Box 993064

TREAT ME LIKE A LADY
Green-eyed blonde **F, 40s**, into r'n'b & soul music. **Seeks** special **M** to treat her like a lady. Hampton/surrounds. Box 189860

THAT MAN OF MINE
Single mum, **46, 5'7"**, **GSOH**, Auburn hair, likes pubs, walks, cinema & eating in/out. **Seeks** nice, tall **M, 44-48**, preferably with shaven head. Surrey. Box 676806

GETTING WARMER
Charming, successful young **60, 5'6"**, warm, caring, affectionate, n/s, **GSOH**, seeks tall, attractive n/s **M, up to 64**, warm & sincere, for friendship, possibly more. Teddington. Box 125095

CONSIDER THIS
Charming Sussex brunette, **60s**, loves Richmond region, scenic walks, historic places, wine, dining & France, Italy & Spain. **Seeks** similar, sincere, cultured, retired gent partner. Box 418414

THE MORE MATURE
Black **M, 25**, easy-going, attractive, likes the gym, concerts & football games. **Seeks** mature **F, 50+**, with good personality. Streatham. Box 522895

TIRED OF LONDON, TIRED OF LIFE
Stylish, warm-hearted **M, young 45**, **GSOH**, open-minded, loves eating out, cycling, walks & exploring London. **Seeks** **F** for friendship+. Putney. Box 892701

A PRACTICAL APPROACH
Tall **M, 58**, good-looking, n/s, **GSOH**, caring & practical, likes animals, cooking & travel. **WLM** slim & attractive **F, 46-58**, for serious relationship. Croydon. Box 693100

SEEKING SOULMATE
Profess **M, young-at-heart 54**, into sport, music, theatre & eating out. **Seeks** **F** for fun & friendship. Croydon. Box 219609

SHORE THING
Honest, caring **M, 51, 5'7"**, brown hair & eyes, likes beach walks, country pubs & weekends away. **Seeks** **F, 50-60**, for long-term relationship. Crawley. Box 883143

FOOD, WINE & FRIENDS
M, 63, divorced, enjoys sport, walking, cooking, red wine & cinema. **WLM** **F** for friendship, good times & possible relationship. Haywards Heath. Box 718174

CLOSE TO YOU
Attractive, loving, tactile **M, 55**, dog owner, likes keep fit, cinema, country pubs & martial arts. **Seeks** **F** for long-term relationship. Eastbourne. Box 372801

FIT FOR YOU?
Loving, caring **M, 38, 5'10"**, easy-going, into sport, enjoys life. **Seeks** **F, 30-50**. Slough. Box 628531

A CERTAIN SOPHISTICATED
Refined lady sought, **60+**, by gentle, kind, caring professional gent, **42**. Tadworth. Box 587141

TELL IT LIKE IT IS
M, 60, drinker, smoker, plays bowls, likes to cook. **Seeks** **F** for companionship. Morden. Box 631725

A CHANGE OF LIFE STYLE
Energetic, tall, kind **M, young 60**, own cottage in Wales, may move there in time, loves cooking, country & coast. **Seeks** attractive **F, under 55**, for relationship. Hounslow. Box 125531

MAKE MY DAY
Loyal **M, late 50s**, keen **SOH**, easy to get on with. **WLM** genuine, sincere **F** for friendship & possible relationship. Wandsworth. Box 564375

THE TIME OF OUR LIVES
Honest English **M, 40, 5'10"**, n/s, slim, romantic, sincere & reliable. **WLM** Asian **F** for special relationship. Wandsworth. Box 158873

TREAT PETITE
Slim, tall, caring, thoughtful **n/s, 50**, loves holidays abroad, dining & wildlife. **Seeks** slim, petite **F, 40-50**, for relationship. Feltham. Box 802052

SEEKING HIS MUSCLE
Creative **M, 53, 6'2"**, athletic build, dark hair & eyes, artist & sculpture. **Seeks** medium-built, cuddly lady, n/s, for the arts, life & fun more. Clapham. Box 542535

LET'S GET THE THINGS UNDERLAY
Carpet-fitter, **44, 5'11"**, happy-go-lucky, likes socialising, quiet nights in & movies. **WLM** interested **F** for possible romance. Wandsworth. Box 496871

YOU CAN RELY ON ME
Reliable **M, 52**, young-at-heart, n/s, **WLM** **F, 25-60**, for good fun, friendship & maybe more. Wimbledon. Box 180086

ADDING A SPARKLE
Fit, **37, 6'**, own building business, likes eating out, sports & rugby. **Seeks** **F, 30-40**, with whom to make friends & fill the gloom. Hounslow. Box 701123

SHOCKING SWEET
Black **M, 27**, seeks **F** for friendship & fun. Balham. Box 162921

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Stocky **M, 42, 5'11"**, likes chilled-out music (especially Cocteau Twins), casual trips, cosy nights in & out. **Seeks** lively, voluptuous white **F, n/s**. Putney. Box 765535

FEELING FOXY?
N, 19, seeks older **F** for nights out, friendship, fun & relationship. Addlestone. Box 513544

SEE FOR YOURSELF
Good-looking, athletic, laid-back, black African **M, 25**, **WLM** mature **F, 50-65**, for fun & friendship, perhaps more. South Norwood. Box 358796

THE YEARNING CURVES
Good-looking **M, 47**, good build, educated, kind, caring, fit & passionate. **WLM** curvy, cuddly, lovely **F, 30-50**, for fun & friendship. Putney. Box 198497

THE MORE MATURE
Black **M, 25**, easy-going, attractive, likes the gym, concerts & football games. **Seeks** mature **F, 50+**, with good personality. Streatham. Box 522895

TIRED OF LONDON, TIRED OF LIFE
Stylish, warm-hearted **M, young 45**, **GSOH**, open-minded, loves eating out, cycling, walks & exploring London. **Seeks** **F** for friendship+. Putney. Box 892701

A PRACTICAL APPROACH
Tall **M, 58**, good-looking, n/s, **GSOH**, caring & practical, likes animals, cooking & travel. **WLM** slim & attractive **F, 46-58**, for serious relationship. Croydon. Box 693100

SEEKING SOULMATE
Profess **M, young-at-heart 54**, into sport, music, theatre & eating out. **Seeks** **F** for fun & friendship. Croydon. Box 219609

SHORE THING
Honest, caring **M, 51, 5'7"**, brown hair & eyes, likes beach walks, country pubs & weekends away. **Seeks** **F, 50-60**, for long-term relationship. Crawley. Box 883143

FOOD, WINE & FRIENDS
M, 63, divorced, enjoys sport, walking, cooking, red wine & cinema. **WLM** **F** for friendship, good times & possible relationship. Haywards Heath. Box 718174

CLOSE TO YOU
Attractive, loving, tactile **M, 55**, dog owner, likes keep fit, cinema, country pubs & martial arts. **Seeks** **F** for long-term relationship. Eastbourne. Box 372801

FIT FOR YOU?
Loving, caring **M, 38, 5'10"**, easy-going, into sport, enjoys life. **Seeks** **F, 30-50**. Slough. Box 628531

A CERTAIN SOPHISTICATED
Refined lady sought, **60+**, by gentle, kind, caring professional gent, **42**. Tadworth. Box 587141

TELL IT LIKE IT IS
M, 60, drinker, smoker, plays bowls, likes to cook. **Seeks** **F** for companionship. Morden. Box 631725

A CHANGE OF LIFE STYLE
Energetic, tall, kind **M, young 60**, own cottage in Wales, may move there in time, loves cooking, country & coast. **Seeks** attractive **F, under 55**, for relationship. Hounslow. Box 125531

MAKE MY DAY
Loyal **M, late 50s**, keen **SOH**, easy to get on with. **WLM** genuine, sincere **F** for friendship & possible relationship. Wandsworth. Box 564375

THE TIME OF OUR LIVES
Honest English **M, 40, 5'10"**, n/s, slim, romantic, sincere & reliable. **WLM** Asian **F** for special relationship. Wandsworth. Box 158873

TREAT PETITE
Slim, tall, caring, thoughtful **n/s, 50**, loves holidays abroad, dining & wildlife. **Seeks** slim, petite **F, 40-50**, for relationship. Feltham. Box 802052

SEEKING HIS MUSCLE
Creative **M, 53, 6'2"**, athletic build, dark hair & eyes, artist & sculpture. **Seeks** medium-built, cuddly lady, n/s, for the arts, life & fun more. Clapham. Box 542535

LET'S GET THE THINGS UNDERLAY
Carpet-fitter, **44, 5'11"**, happy-go-lucky, likes socialising, quiet nights in & movies. **WLM** interested **F** for possible romance. Wandsworth. Box 496871

YOU CAN RELY ON ME
Reliable **M, 52**, young-at-heart, n/s, **WLM** **F, 25-60**, for good fun, friendship & maybe more. Wimbledon. Box 180086

ADDING A SPARKLE
Fit, **37, 6'**, own building business, likes eating out, sports & rugby. **Seeks** **F, 30-40**, with whom to make friends & fill the gloom. Hounslow. Box 701123

SHOCKING SWEET
Black **M, 27**, seeks **F** for friendship & fun. Balham. Box 162921

SUNBURST & SNOWBLIND
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FEELING FOXY?
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Honest, loyal, caring white **M, 41**, **GSOH**, **WLM** slim to medium-build **F** for good times. Friendship, leading to more. Croydon. Box 881426

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NEW ROAD CAR TEST : FORD FIESTA 1.6 TDCi

Economy class

The 1.6 TDCi engine is asked to fulfil divergent roles in the latest Ford Fiesta but is it up to the challenge? Steve Walker reports

The key strength of the 1.6-litre TDCi diesel engine in Ford's Fiesta is its fuel economy with 67mpg possible in the standard car and 76mpg in the ECONetic version. The rest of the Fiesta package is outstanding with an involving driving experience and striking looks.

No other model classification pitches itself more directly into the car market's mainstream and in order to succeed, a wide range of engines and trim levels is an absolute must. Ford's Fiesta fits the bill with

a diverse line-up of trim levels. What's unusual is that the 1.6-litre TDCi diesel engine is offered with all of them.

This diesel engine looks to have its work cut out. Successfully providing the power while also doing the business in its sportiest and most luxurious guises seems an impossible mission but Ford's engineers obviously think it's up to the task.

We're concentrating on Ford's 1.6-litre TDCi Duratorq common-rail diesel engine here. It develops 89bhp at 4,000rpm and 204Nm maximum torque at 1,750rpm. Performance isn't blistering with 11.9 seconds needed to cover the 0-62mph sprint and the car topping out at 109mph. What you do get is relatively strong mid-range pulling power where the engine's torque is on song.

The latest Fiesta is such a slick piece of engineering that it masks the deficiency in pace with poise and fluency on the road. The suspension absorbs bumps expertly and the

firmer set-up in the Zetec-S model makes for a really lively drive.

All Fiestas share Ford's 'Kinetic' design. Themes as seen on the Mondeo, S-MAX, Focus and others are put to work again but the signature features seem to gain cohesion in closer proximity on a smaller car. The sporty Zetec-S tags on a substantial rear spoiler, a body kit and 16" alloy wheels while the Titanium adds chrome detailing for the exterior and some classier trim materials inside. The economical ECONetic has its own look with lowered suspension and aerodynamic tweaks.

The wedge-effect of the Fiesta in profile doesn't bode well for the rear seat passengers in the three-door car but the Fiesta surprises with decent legroom and headroom that's manageable even for a six-footer.

The five door models fair better with a bigger glass area creating a roomier feel.

The 89bhp 1.6 TDCi Fiestas present a wide array of choice, the engine being offered in economical ECONetic guise as well as with Zetec, Zetec-S or plush Titanium trim. The Zetec-S models miss out on the heated windscreen but add bigger alloys, sports

suspension and a more aggressive body kit. Pick a Titanium and there's a generally more luxurious feel with climate control, cruise control, automatic headlamps and automatic wipers while the ECONetic simply concentrates on maximising fuel economy and wider costs through a number of clever modifications.



Car fact file

CAR: Ford Fiesta 1.6 TDCi 90

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INSURANCE GROUPS: 6 [est]

CO2 EMISSIONS: 110g/km

PERFORMANCE:
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Citroën C4 Picasso – family perspective

Full of French flair

What's the best mini-MPV you can buy? We think it's this one, Citroën's C4 Picasso. Jonathan Crouch and family have been putting it to the test

Great design is all very well but it's not much use if the clever ideas don't translate into day-to-day durability. When Citroën's C4 Picasso was launched in five-seat and 'Grand' seven-seat forms, rivals had to admit that it was very clever. Opinion was divided however on whether the car would stand up to rigorous family day-in day-out use.

Determined to prove the doubters wrong, Citroën offered us one to be put under the microscope by my family. I should introduce them at this point: my wife, Katie, has to cope with Caris (9), Ellie (6) and baby Amy (2). On arrival, the setback trays will have been pulled out of their sockets, muddy boots will have decorated the carpets and a frosting of crunched-out crisps will have been frosted around the rear passenger compartment. The joys of parenthood.

Of course, this is exactly the kind of use Citroën's designers had in mind when they designed the C4 Picasso. It only offered five seats, which in today's compact people

carrying market would be seen as something of a limiting factor. These days, it's not good enough just to launch one mini-MPV: you have to launch two. Hence cars like Renault's Scenic and Grand Scenic and, in this case, the Citroën C4 Picasso, the five-seater stablemate to the Grand C4 Picasso.

We opted for the five-seat version on the basis that Citroën expect to sell rather more of them here in the UK – though apparently, there's not much in it. Had I had a free choice, I'd have paid the small increment extra to have the extra seats.

With a choice of a 127bhp 1.8-litre or 143bhp 2.0-litre petrol engines or 110bhp 1.6 or 138bhp 2.0-litre HDi diesel units, C4 Picasso drivers won't be wanting for decent powerplants.

We went for the 2.0-litre diesel, but the 110bhp 1.6-litre diesel would have been just as acceptable. Either way, you really want a diesel if you're going for a car of this kind: I can't really find any argument for buying a petrol unit aside from the premium being charged up front for the diesel

option. Whether you can justify this comes down to a simple issue of mileage. If you're simply using the car to go to the shops and back, then petrol is probably your best bet. Otherwise, opt for the HDi every time.

My wife isn't usually intrigued by family cars but she was interested by this one. Like most people, her initial attention was drawn to the clever wide-angle panoramic windscreen that rises up and over the front seat occupants, doubling vertical visibility in the front to 70 degrees compared to 35 degrees in a standard MPV. This might sound a little pointless but it actually makes a surprising amount of difference to the ambience inside the cabin.

By slimming down the windscreen pillars, the effect of airiness and front visibility is increased still further. It's not just a styling effect either; the added field of view making it easier to spot motorbikes, cycles and pedestrians coming while preventing the usual craned neck

when negotiating small roundabouts. Katie was also interested by the Picasso's steering wheel, which features the same clever arrangement where the wheel turns around a fixed centre hub on which are mounted all the main controls. Why has no one thought of such a simple, eye-catching and clever idea before, she wanted to know?

Citroëns have always specialised in clever ideas of this type – but they haven't always been as impressive when it comes to the longevity of fit and finish. To date, the C4 Picasso is proving impressive in this respect. There are no major squeaks and rattle, plus, despite the children's best efforts, nothing has been priced away from its mountings.

The driving experience is, as was its predecessor, geared towards comfort and safety rather than outright handling prowess. But then if you're buying a car of this kind, on-the-limit handling is not likely to be high on your list of ultimate priorities.

I'm not sure if someone at Citroën has been getting a backhander from a glass manufacturer because the C4 Picasso also features the biggest sunroof in its class, the extensive side windows too help edge it towards having the largest glazed area of any mini MPV. All of this glass means that the vehicle needs a seriously punchy air-conditioning system to prevent it becoming a mobile propagator. The C4 Picasso utilises its available space very well. That wheel at each corner stance doesn't just look good, it also maximises space for the all important passenger cell.

The boot has a 500-litre capacity which is about par for the course for a five-seater vehicle. Fold the rear seats down and there's a massive 1.734 litres of available space.

Automatic and sequential manual gearboxes are offered to free up floorspace and at prices around £500 cheaper than the Grand C4 Picasso, it looks solid if not spectacular value.



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c/control	Climate Control
c/l or c/lock	Central Locking
cruise	Cruise Control
e/m	Electric Mirrors
e/w	Electric Windows
ex cond or ex con	Excellent Condition
fsh	Full Service History
4wd	Four Wheel Drive
h/t/s or h/t/screen	Heated Front Screen
h/s	Heated Seats
immob	Immobiliser
lhd	Left Hand Drive
MoT	Ministry of Transport (Cert)
ono	Or Nearest Offer
ovno	Or Very Nearest Offer
pas	Power Assisted Steering
p/x	Part Exchange
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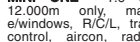
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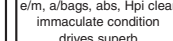


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Olympic ace impresses

British Olympic kayak gold medallist Tim Brabants finished an impressive 10th out of more than 900 runners in the Run Kingston 8.2 mile road race on Sunday.

Brabants, from Walton-on-Thames, was running less than 24 hours after finishing sixth in the Head of the River race on the Thames, from Chiswick to Hammersmith, the previous day in his competitive debut as a rower, where he partnered Olympic oarsman Alan Campbell.

In Sunday's solo effort he finished just over eight minutes behind race winner James Trapmore in 50 minutes, 24 seconds.

Wimbledon schoolmaster Trapmore ran away with the 8.2 mile race in 42:22.

The Hercules Wimbledon runner reached the finish in Kingston town centre more than a minute clear of unattached runner Ian Leitch (43:28).

Race report: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

What a win

Kingston ran rampant on Saturday, securing their highest win of the season with a 52-0 victory at Petersfield.

Eight tries were scored in total, with Bruce Fowles (two), Nathan Brown (two), Ian Williams (one), Adam Kennedy (two) and Michael Walsh (one) all getting on the scoresheet.

Joe Worrall kicked six conversions to round off an emphatic victory.

Meanwhile, Kingston's second team beat Twickenham 36-17, while the third team beat Esher Sixths 66-17 to round off a good afternoon for the club.

This Saturday, Kingston host Guildford.

More rugby: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

Hams slams his Ks for lacking the killer touch



Trickster: Kingstonian star Dean Lodge in action in the FA Cup clash against Hayes & Yeading

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Kingstonian assistant boss Mark Hams reckons his side's finishing failed to match its Blue Square South standard performance as Ks were dumped out of the FA Cup on Saturday.

Hayes & Yeading claimed a plum fourth qualifying round tie at Oxford United with a 3-1 win at Kingsmeadow, despite seeing boss Gary Haylock sent off in unsavoury circumstances.

Ks squandered a host of first-half chances as Dean Lodge tormented the visitors, and Hams has challenged his players to bounce back at the first opportunity.

"Their finishing was Blue Square South quality but, unfortunately, ours was far from it on the day," he said.

"We had enough chances to win two or three games.

"It was tough to have a go at anybody afterwards, because they all played so well.

"It is the second time we have had a team from that level on the ropes and we just couldn't finish it off this time. That is a good sign, but the big test is how we bounce back."

Haylock got his marching orders after refusing to give the ball to Lodge

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when the diminutive winger had been felled close to the dugout.

He required a police escort as he left the ground after the match, having clashed with home fans behind the goal as he walked to the stands – with some Ks supporters claiming he had felled a youngster after being spat at.

But Hams, who spoke to the Hayes boss after the final whistle, felt the police reaction was a little heavy handed.

"Obviously, I can't comment on what happened on the terraces but, from my point of view, the whole thing was just a case of handbags, really," he added.

"I know Gary and he was still wanting to have a pop at a few people in the tunnel afterwards, but I just washed my hands of it and wished him luck in the next round.

● Ks drew 1-1 with visitors Met Police on Monday night. Tommy Williams put Ks ahead, but Craig Carley grabbed an equaliser.

Ks' next three matches: Oct 18 Corinthian Casuals (a), 25 Merstham (h), Nov 1 Chipstead (h).

Ks updates: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

SPORTSbrief

WATERSPORT: Kingston Royals Dragon Boat Club have been celebrating after their most successful National BDA (British Dragon Boat Association) outing. The club was in action at the National BDA Championships at the Nottingham National Water Sports Centre, eventually walking away with first place in the 200m mixed, 200m women's, 500m mixed and 500m women's first-place trophies.

More watersport: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

CRICKET: Long Ditton Cricket Club have attained the coveted Clubmark Award after a fine year on and off the field. To gain the award, the club had to undergo an arduous inspection, on an unannounced day, by an ECB assessor. Club secretary Mark Lambert said: "The Clubmark Award is something the club could not have achieved without such a team effort."

Full story: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

VOLLEYBALL: Coombe Girls and Richard Challoner have been celebrating after winning their respective Kingston Secondary Schools Cluster A Volleyball Festival Finals. Coombe Girls B triumphed ahead of Holy Cross B and Coombe Girls A, who finished second and third respectively. In the boys' event, Richard Challoner finished ahead of Southborough and Hollyfield.

Full story: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

ATHLETICS: Kingston University were in action at the opening London Colleges Men's League match at Parliament Hill Fields yesterday.

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